

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6E

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE: January 26, 2004

SUBJECT: Team Nutrition grant recipients - model policy pilot schools

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In August 2003, as a point of discussion, the state board was presented with a draft of a model nutrition policy developed by the Arizona State Team of Action For Healthy Kids. Since this initial presentation the state coalition has continued to increase the number of stakeholders involved in this effort as well as to further revise and create a comprehensive school health policy.

The Department of Education is involved in this state coalition and has been awarded a competitive USDA grant to evaluate the model policy being developed by the state coalition. Thirty schools voluntarily applied to participate in the piloting the model policy. However, grant funding only allows for eight schools in Arizona to pilot the model policy, four elementary schools, and four junior high and/or high schools. As part of the grant requirements, the pilot schools will implement the most recent version of the policy during the fall semester of 2004. The Department of Education will collect pre and post data from the pilot schools in order to evaluate the net financial and nutritional impact of the model policy. Pilot schools will receive a mini-grant of five to ten thousand dollars for their participation.

A panel of members from the education community has selected the eight pilot schools. The selection panel included:

Chris Doyle- President of Arizona School Food Service Association
Liz Alexander, RD- Food Service Director, Murphy School District
Dr. Jeffery Hampl- Professor - Arizona State University, Nutrition Department
Lee Renda, RD – Nutrition Services Director – AZ Department of Health Services
Tammy Baker, RD- Director, Dairy Council of Arizona
Elaine Arena - Arena Government Communications, Inc. representing AZ Soft Drink Association

Criteria used to select the awardees included current experience and compliance in operating USDA National School Lunch Program, evidence of need, goals and vision for implementation, and availability of resources to complete the pilot requirements. The selection panel scored the grant application using a rubric totaling 100 points.

The highest scoring and therefore selected 2004 Team Nutrition Grant Recipients are as follows:

Elementary:

1. **Harriet Johnson Primary School- Tucson Unified School District**
2. **Stanfield Elementary School - Stanfield Elementary District #28**
3. **Bouse Elementary School - Bouse District**
4. **Monte Vista Elementary School - Creighton School District**

Middle School/High School:

1. **Madison Park School- Madison School District #38**
2. **Catalina Magnet High School- Tucson Unified School District**
3. **Vista Alternative High School- Yuma Union High School District**
4. **Mountain Trail Junior High- Paradise Valley Unified School District**

Results from the pilots will be available in January of 2005. Both Arizona State University and the University of Arizona have offered to assist the Department of Education with the financial and nutritional evaluation of this grant.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW

The Child Nutrition Programs of ADE, along with the Arizona State Team of Action For Healthy Kids requests the Board approve the grant funding to the eight recommended schools to pilot the model policy.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]